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Mountain View School Update September 24, 2021

Dear Easthampton Families and Staff,

This is the first of our monthly updates to prepare for our transition to our new Mountain View School.

We are thrilled to report that the Mountain View School Project is moving along nicely. Construction is on time and on budget. We anticipate the middle school wing (grades 6-8) and the elementary wing for grade 5 will all be completed by Nov. 1st. Then we begin loading furniture and moving materials into the building in November and December. We are on track for all middle school students and staff to begin classes at Mountain View School on January 5!

Our Mountain View School Consolidation Committee began meeting this month. They will be working to ensure a smooth consolidation and transition for all. Please reach out to any of these individuals with your questions and concerns.

Members include:

- Judy Averill, Maple School Principal, javerill@epsd.us
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What are we currently focused on?

1. Appointing our new Head of School. Even though they will not officially begin until July 1, 2022, it is important for families and staff to begin to get familiar with the team. Our Head of School will assemble the remainder of the team in the coming months. Look for an announcement introducing our Head of School around Oct. 1, 2021.
2. Our Head of School will schedule time with all staff going into the new school by virtually visiting Faculty meetings in October.
3. Middle School staff will be able to go on tours of Mountain View by mid-October to familiarize themselves in the building. The Consolidation committee will assist in scheduling those visits.

Looking further ahead (more information to come):

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1. By early November, Middle School educators will have room assignments and we will begin to move curriculum materials over into the building.
2. Mountain View School Information Forums will be held in November for middle school families.
3. Building tours for middle school families will be held in December.

*Please note: the current administrative team and all middle school staff will go into Mountain View and remain the same from January through June 2022.

Dr. Allison LeClair

Superintendent